

DHS Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM) Program

Efforts

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DHS SCRM Program Efforts

The program is based on the business and security principle of risk management. Focus is to mitigate highest risk first.

This year DHS assessed the adequacy of the Federal acquisition policy environment for IT and recommended significant changes to promote SCRM principles.

Working with DoD and private sector, an effort to develop both national and international standards for SwA and security techniques for supplier relationships is underway.

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The SCRM program is working to utilize lessons learned from the pilot period to create a permanent SCRM capability for the fed/civilian government.

Some SCRM practices can be identified at no additional cost, provided the government is aware what information to request.

Conduct threat assessments early in the SDLC to decrease security related lifecycle costs.



SCRM Efforts

A directive to be issued in March 2011, is needed to require civilian departments and agencies to develop a SCRM capability within a defined time period.

A 12-month goal is to develop the overarching framework for federal civilian government to manage supply chain risk. The NIST IR 7622 Draft Piloting SCRM Practices for Federal Information Systems provides a list of key practices that will contribute to this framework.



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SCRM Efforts Cont'd

During the next year, we plan to:

- Develop SCRM threat and risk management guides to assist agencies in identification, prioritization and mitigation of supply chain threats.
- Work w/GSA to assess existing acquisition capabilities and develop requirements that can be included in solicitations to improve supply chain practices and develop the acquisition piece of the SCRM program.
- Make SCRM program SMEs available to assist D/As advise, assess or develop SCRM programs.

SCRM Efforts

To assist civilian D/As prepare to implement a SCRM capability, an awareness course is targeted for the federal workforce. Course objective is workforce awareness of the SCRM problem and to prepare them to execute small scale projects.



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